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NOTES

CHINA-DISARMAMENT: Peking for the first time has made specific proposals for a possible reorganization of the Geneva Disarmament Conference, under which China would join.

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Peking wishes to participate from the beginning in any discussions on reorganization. The proposal described by the Chinese would maintain limited membership in the negotiating body but would allow non-members to attend. The Chinese have criticized the conference's composition, particularly its "bloc-to-bloc" characteristics, and US-Soviet co-chairmanship but have kept open China's option to join eventually. The current initiative, although showing China's interest, does not indicate that Peking is prepared to move rapidly. Consultations on reorganization proposals are likely to continue over an extended period.

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KENYA: Rumors of an army coup plot that were rampant have subsided, but government moves against the alleged plotters could further inflame animosities in the tribally divided army. In a speech last week, President Kenyatta made veiled references to plotters and to a threat to his life. The President may have meant only to warn plotters, but some politicians have been calling on the government to bring the plotters to justice. Kenyatta's fellow Kikuyu tribesmen

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could turn the situation against remaining opponents from other tribes. Last year the country's senior army officer and the chief justice, both members of the rival Kamba tribe, were forced to resign after they were implicated in an abortive coup plot.

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